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1. The Demokratisches Frauenbund (Democratic Women's League) received no invitation to the International Women's Conference held in Bad Boll, Wurttemberg (U.S. Zone), on 20-23 May 1947. Nevertheless Dr. Durand-Wever, Dr. von Renthe, and Maria Rentmeister went to Bad Boll as representatives of the DF. They were very coolly received by the women from the western zones who made no attempt to conceal their dislike of Russian-directed activities.

2. On 7 June 1947 the managing committee of the Frauenbund was summoned to Karlsborat by Col. Tulpanov. Dr. Durand-Wever, Käthe Kern, Marie Weiterer, and Hilde Schikowski complied with the summons. They were received with hostility, Tulpanov raving for two hours over the shortcomings of the League. He especially criticized them for allowing a five minute limit on speeches at Bad Boll. Tulpanov also showed great interest in Frau von Kardorff's (LDP) Bad Boll speech on "Pan-Europe", wherein she made a number of anti-Russian remarks.

3. Tulpanov warned that the Frauenbund should increase its propaganda and social work. It was agreed that the Women's Committees in the Russian Zone should be dissolved. In their place a Women's Secretariat was to be established in the Central Administration of Education, consisting of one woman for each state and province of the Russian Zone who would represent the Democratic Women's League and the former Women's Committees. It was planned that the DF should also have a vote in local administrative matters on a par with FDGs.

4. The managing committee of the Demokratisches Frauenbund met 3-4 May 1947 in Schwerin. The following members attended:

Dr. Anne-Marie Durand-Wever
Marie Weiterer
Hilde Schikowski
Magda Sendhoff

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